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W. J. SELICK & SON--DRY GOODS, BOOTS AND SHOES.

## For The Holiday Trade.

WHY NOT BUY THE SUBSTANTIALS

OF  
**W. J. Sellick & Son.**

A HUSBAND

Can buy his wife a nice Dress with all the trimmings cheap, or a Plush Cloak or a Newmarket or, say a pair of nice Shoes or Kid Gloves. A superb stock to select from.

A WIFE

Can buy her husband a nice Silk Muffler, Gloves, Mittens, Slippers or 100 different articles that would please him, awfully cheap.

A MOTHER

Can buy a nice Child's or Misse's Cloak from 4 years to 16 years for a song. We are selling at cost. Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Mittens--Silk and Wool--and Fancy Novelties at way down prices.

It will pay you to look over the solids and let the trash go, at

**W. J. SELICK & SON'S.**

G. E. GILMAN--BOOTS AND SHOES.

"I MUST SEE YOU!"

"Hear Me for My Cause."

ANTICIPATING A GOOD FALL TRADE IN

## BOOTS AND SHOES!

I, sometime ago, ordered a heavy stock for the season, comprising

THE VERY BEST GOODS

Of all descriptions. This stock I have received some part of, and am still in almost daily receipt of installments of the balance.

But! AND THIS IS A BUT  
WITH A BIG: B.

I have, within the past week, contracted to devote my entire time to the interests of the CLEVELAND BAY HORSE CO., and am consequently obliged to dispose of my stock as quickly as possible. To do this, and do it in a hurry,

I SHALL SELL GOODS AT COST, FREIGHT ADDED.

People who call and Examine will be convinced.

There's no "SHENANNIGAN" about this!

I mean every word I say. If you want to lay up treasures for yourself for the season when the wind blows and snow flies, now is your last chance.

These Goods are to be Sold, and Sold Cheap.

Kalamazoo St., Opp. Clifton House.

G. E. GILMAN.

TRUE NORTHERNER,

A. C. MARTIN, Publisher.

Largest Circulation in the County.

SUBSCRIPTION, \$1.50 A YEAR.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

**M. E. Whalen, M. D.**  
Physician and surgeon. Office over Bartram & Millington's Drug Store. Office hours, 2-5 p. m., 7-9 p. m. 1691y.

**FINE! "HENLEY'S" TAILORING.**  
Academy of Music building, Kalamazoo, Mich. 1744f

**T. C. Buskirk, M. D., Homeopathist.**  
Office up stairs in postoffice block. Residence opposite Catholic church. 1753ly

Settle Up.

All persons owing debts now due to I. B. Conner, or to Conner & Wood are requested to call at their office and settle and save costs. This notice means business. 1753tf

For Sale!

We have bran, middlings and screenings for sale at Paw Paw Mills. 1748tf WISE & TUCKEY.

**Jas. P. Preece, the Ladies' Tailor.**  
Seal and Plush Garments reshaped, refined, steamed and fur trimmed. Tailor made street garments to order. 48tf

Money on Farms.

On long time, easy payments and moderate rates. Large sums preferred. 1749tf CRANK & BRECK.

House for Rent.

A good house for rent. Enquire of 1751tf GEO. E. BRECK, Paw Paw.

**Millinery--Mrs. H. R. Odell.**  
At the live millinery store on Kalamazoo street, a large lot of new and elegant fall and winter goods of all kinds. Trimming in latest style.

**A. W. Hendrick, M. D.**  
Physician and Surgeon, Paw Paw Mich. Office in Manning Block. Special attention given to diseases of the Lungs, Liver and Kidneys, Private Diseases, Piles and Female Complaints--to all Chronic Diseases.

**Mills, Osborn & Goss, Lawyers.**  
Office, Paw Paw; associate office, Kalamazoo, Mich. A. J. MILLS, J. W. OSBORN, O. A. GOSS. 1723-tf

**Tea! Tea! and Coffee too!**  
The finest articles in the market brought right to your door. I have taken the agency of the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company and will start a wagon with samples immediately. Wait for the wagon as I give a prize with every package sold on the first trip in order to advertise the goods. One trial will convince you that I sell a better grade of tea and coffee, and for less money, than can be purchased elsewhere. Yours for tea and coffee. 1757tf W. H. DANSEY.

**Wheat! Wheat!**  
Highest market price paid for wheat by A. Van Auken, Paw Paw, Mich. 1742-tf

**Fine Photographs!**  
For a limited time, I will make a life sized picture and a dozen cabinets for ten dollars. Cabinets from three to five dollars per dozen. Finest enameled cabinets at the latter figure. An endless variety of frames constantly on hand. 1744ly H. E. SHEPHERD, Paw Paw, Mich.

**Teachers' Examinations.**  
The following is the schedule of dates and places for examination during the ensuing school year. These dates will not be changed.  
Hartford,.....Friday, Sept. 28, 1888  
So. Haven,....." Oct. 26, "  
Lawton,....." Nov. 30, "  
Paw Paw,.....Thursday, March 7, 1889  
Gobleville,.....Friday, April 26, "  
Paw Paw,.....Thursday, Aug. 1, "  
1746ly A. C. MARTIN, Secretary.

**W. C. Y. Ferguson, D. D. S.**  
I am a graduate of the dental department of the University of Maryland, and will make the preservation of natural teeth a specialty. Vitalized air administered in the extraction of teeth when desired. All work warranted. Office over E. Smith's, Paw Paw. 1674tf

**Paw Paw Savings Bank.**  
Capital \$50,000.00 F. W. SELICK, Pres. E. A. CRANE Vice Pres. JOHN W. FREE, Cashier. Board of Directors, J. J. WOODMAN, DANIEL LYLE, JOHN LYLE, WILLIAM LYLE, JOHN W. FREE, EDWIN MARTIN, F. W. SELICK, WILLIAM J. SELICK, EDGAR A. CRANE. 1732ly

**J. A. Leech.**  
House, Sign and Carriage Painter, Paper Hanger and Ceiling Decorator. Shop over Mason's Planing Mill, Paw Paw. 66ly

**Society Notice.**  
Apollo Temple No. 15, K. P. C., will meet every Thursday evening at 7.30. 1701ly

**New Tin Shop.**  
Having opened a tin shop in the old Harrison block, in the village of Paw Paw, I respectfully solicit a share of public patronage. Repairing promptly done. J. H. WATERS. 97tf

**Paw Paw Marble and Granite Works.**  
People are beginning to find out that their money will go much further in buying granite and marble in Paw Paw than at any other place, comparisons having been so often made. Our trade for 1887 was the largest for 21 years. Our stock is complete and is the largest of any in this part of the country, not excepting Kalamazoo. We keep 50 finished monuments on hand, of all kinds, so our friends can see for themselves what they like, and from 10 to 25 per cent lower than at any other place; so don't fail to call here before you buy, and show your appreciation of our efforts to show you a large collection. Granite from Scotland, Germany, Sweden and New Brunswick, besides all of our handsome American marbles. 1712ly L. A. WHITMAN, Proprietor.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PAW PAW.

Capital.....\$100,000  
Surplus and Undivided Profits. 10,000  
Additional Liability of Stockholders 100,000  
E. SMITH, President.  
E. F. PARKS, Cashier.  
A general banking business transacted.  
Interest Paid on Certificates of Deposit. 1731ly

I am prepared to furnish the people of Paw Paw with coal at lowest cash prices. Leave orders with Fred Bilsborrow. The highest market price paid for fat cattle, sheep and hogs. 1731 t. f. W. H. WILSON.

G. W. Koons has a big stock of all kinds of sleigh bells, plush and fur robes, elegant horse blankets, all kinds of harness, trunks and satchels--everything in his line--for the holiday trade. Come and see me and get prices. 61062.

Oil Painting.

Miss Eugene Matson, of Decatur, will give lessons in oil painting on Wednesday and Thursday of each week, at the residence of Frank Parks. 13063

G. W. Koons is headquarters in Paw Paw for horse blankets, plush and fur robes--elegant presents for Christmas. Call and see and get prices. 6112062.

Local Department.

Lou. Woodman is home for the holidays.

Editor Russell of Bangor, was in town last Monday.

R. O. Beebe is home from Boston to spend the holidays.

Lynn Free is home from Ann Arbor for a holiday vacation.

John Bryant spent Christmas at home with his mother and sisters.

Chas. Melchor is visiting his mother and his many other Paw Paw friends.

Jos. Kilburn has gone to Whitehall to spend a couple of weeks with friends.

Geo. Eaton of the South Haven Messenger office, spent Christmas in town.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Rowland of Hartford are visiting their relatives in this village.

Prof. Higgins and family are enjoying a holiday visit with his mother from Davenport, Iowa.

Mrs. Kate Anderson of Hartford, has been making a visit to her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Maynard.

G. W. Koons, the harness maker, has been doing some fine work for Pomeroy's "Western World."

Remember that a single cord of good body beech or maple wood pays for the NORTHERNER for one year.

A special meeting of Broadhead post G. A. R. will be held on Monday evening next. Important business.

Uncle Samuel Bancroft of Arlington, a resident of this county for the past fifty years, was buried on Monday last.

The pupils of our public school are now enjoying their holiday vacation. The winter term will begin on Monday, Jan. 7th.

The NORTHERNER expects to occupy its new, commodious and elegant quarters in the new masonic block in the near future.

Lew. Roberts and Geo. Hopkins, we understand, have bought out Beau Hackley and will continue barbering at the old stand.

Notice the new advertisement of E. I. Northrop. There is no buncombe about the matter; he is selling goods just as he advertises.

Mrs. L. C. Hurd and the children went to Coldwater Christmas to spend two or three weeks with friends and relatives in her old home.

Marion Rowland spent Sunday at home. He desired to stay over Christmas, but there was too much going on at the Zoo for him to get a lay-off.

Mrs. Mary Andrews has gone to Chicago to assist in caring for the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Baker who is seriously ill with scarlet fever.

"The big mustache pair," that's Pritchard & Yendis, barbers. Mr. Yendis, who has formed a business alliance with Mr. Pritchard, is from Lawrence.

A special meeting of the Michigan Press Association has been called to meet at Lansing on January 8th and 9th. Opening session at two o'clock in the afternoon of the 8th.

Notice Longwell Brothers' offer of a desirable premium book to be given away to their customers. They will be apt to be called upon to deliver a good many books under the operation of the plan they have adopted.

Fred. Bassett's new sign is ornamental as well as useful. By the way, when you step into his place of business, just ask him about those big bones in the show case. He will take great pleasure in explaining them to you.

The cold wave flag was ordered up last Friday evening. The order was not justified, as there was a drop in temperature of only seven degrees, whereas it requires a fall of fifteen degrees to warrant the display of that flag.

The Lansing State Republican, under its new management, L. J. Bates, editor, Darius D. Thorpe, proprietor, shows a decided improvement. The paper is a worthy exponent of republicanism and a credit to its enterprising proprietors.

Col. Todd went to Mancelona the other day and brought back with him one Wm. Dean, who is charged with sedition. He was taken before Justice Mason, where he entered into bonds in the sum of \$600 to appear to-day for examination.

Mr. A. G. Lyle of Diana, Dakota, in company with Archibald Lyle of Gobleville, visited the NORTHERNER Thursday. Both are patrons of the NORTHERNER, and A. G. says he could not well get along in his distant Dakota home without it.

Our merchants had a wonderful trade in holiday goods, owing, in a large degree, to their liberal advertising. Mr. Broughton remarked to us a few days since that he realized the benefit he was deriving from his advertising more and more every day.

Bear in mind that the NORTHERNER is fully equipped for doing all kinds of job-work. We have a full line of new samples from which to select, and prices will be according to quality of stock and style of work done--reasonable in all cases. There is no need for anyone to send away for any kind of printing they may need.

We venture to suggest that it would be a good plan for all who are indebted to the NORTHERNER to call and settle up, and then, what would still be better, pay a year's subscription in advance. There is nothing in the world that will give a man more satisfaction, a better appetite and enable him to sleep better at night, than to know that he is square with the printer.

That our readers may not be misled by our last week's report of the proceedings of the circuit court, we deem it but a matter of simple justice to Col. Hawkins to state that the amount of alimony fixed was the voluntary offer of Mr. H. and the money had been actually paid to Mrs. Hawkins six months before the decree, which simply ratified a mutual agreement between the parties.

W. P. Sutton, formerly of Hartford in this county, has been U. S. consul at Matamoros, Mexico, for quite a good many years at a salary of \$2,000 per annum. The house committee on foreign affairs has reported a bill reducing the salary of that office to \$1,000, which will probably become a law and, as a matter of course, will not be an agreeable piece of legislation for Mr. Sutton.

Among the many former Paw Paw people who returned to spend Christmas with their friends, we noticed Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Darling of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davey of Quincy, J. E. Dunning of Bay City, Fred. Richardson of Detroit, C. L. Fitch of Grand Rapids, Mrs. W. H. and Miss Ada Randall of Kalamazoo, Eli Bierce of Kalamazoo, Mr. Will. Miller of Illinois, Frank Van Ness of Kalamazoo, Guy F. Harrison of Chicago.

Remember the pleasing and instructive lectures of Koli S. Thabue, at the First Baptist church, on Friday and Saturday evenings of this week. Mr. Thabue has on exhibition Burmese curiosities and costumes; farm, mechanical and domestic implements brought directly from his native country, and will give an entertaining description of their uses, as well as an instructive account of his country, its people, their religious and social customs, an amusing description of their language, etc. Entertainment begins at eight o'clock.

Dr. Maynard has recently procured a new map, the most complete and instructive thing of the kind that we ever saw. It was made after a plan devised by the celebrated surgeon, Dr. Frank Hamilton. A student of anatomy and physiology can gain more knowledge and information from it in a very brief time than he can in months of study of the books. Indeed, it is practically impossible to gain from reading so complete an idea of the wonderful way in which man is made as is disclosed by an examination of such a work. The Dr. will exhibit it at the school for the benefit of the pupils.

The Sunday school concert at the Christian church last Sunday evening passed off very pleasantly. The pupils did honor to themselves and to their teachers. The programme was listened to by a large audience, which manifested its appreciation by a liberal contribution, at the close of the exercises, for the benefit of the school. A little flutter of excitement was caused by the fear that the floor was settling on account of the great weight upon it. The audience was requested, as they were dismissed, to retire quietly and so avoid danger. The supports of the building have been examined and all danger, if any existed, has been removed.

A visit to W. H. Pomeroy's stables reveals the fact that he is making extensive preparations for his new enterprise, "The Western World." He has a large number of horses and mules, some very fine ones, besides the animals comprising his fancy stock and which are being trained in the specialties assigned them. The exhibition Mr. P. proposes to give will be a fine exposure of life on the border, and we know of no one better qualified to manage and control such an enterprise. Familiar, as he is, with the scenes of life in the far west; possessed, as he is, of a large degree of executive ability and "go-aheadativeness," he is well adapted for the new business that he has in preparation and should be able to make it a grand success.

Christmas Festivities.

The Christmas festival was appropriately observed by the different churches of our village, the occasion being made, as it should be, one of unalloyed happiness, especially to the children. No day in all the year is more appropriate as an occasion for joy and gladness than the day that commemorates the birth of the Savior of mankind, and, surely, it should be a day of pleasure to the little ones, of whom Christ said: "Suffer little children to come unto Me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven."

At the Christian church there was a Christmas ship, well laden with presents for young and old. On board the ship, which gracefully floated in under full sail, was good old St. Nicholas and his mother. Previous to the distribution of the gifts, a half hour was occupied with a Christmas exercise, appropriate to the occasion, consisting of songs, responsive readings, etc. This society is noted for having something new on each recurring Christmas, and the present was no exception.

At the Presbyterian church was to be seen an old-fashioned Christmas tree, a thing that is always in order and which never grows old. The tree bore a large quantity of Christmas fruit, which was dispensed in an impartial and liberal manner. The church was elegantly festooned with wreaths of evergreens, with here and there a pendant evergreen bell.

Our Methodist friends had a very elegant structure in the shape of a Chinese pagoda, which was brilliantly lighted and well stored with Christmas gifts. Above the pagoda, stretching clear across the church, was the appropriate motto: "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will to men." The entire idea was as pretty as it was novel, and elicited much commendation.

A "Christmas cottage" was the design chosen at the First Baptist church. A beautiful evergreen cottage was erected on the rostrum, its roof apparently covered with snow, and over the door the legend: "Merry Christmas." In this cottage was stored the presents in goodly number, and which made the little ones, at least, twice glad--once in anticipation and once in participation. The distribution of these gifts was preceded by interesting exercises, consisting of singing, recitations, etc.

The Free Baptist people, like the Presbyterians, had a Christmas tree, which was elegantly trimmed and liberally decorated with presents. The young people of the church seemed to have the matter in charge when the reporter visited the church, and were evidently making a great success of the matter.

At the Episcopal church the rostrum was flanked with evergreen trees. The decorations were fine and the presents abundant. A Christmas service was held at six o'clock p. m., followed by a Christmas discourse. Judge Hilton generously provided a gift for every child that attended, and invited Miss Kate Oelbock's entire school to be present.

On the whole, notwithstanding the day and evening were rainy, disagreeable and gloomy, the exercises at each of the churches were very successful and entertaining and were the occasion of making many hearts glad.

That Eight Months' Sentence.

Justice Fisher, the Decatur magistrate who sent a tramp to jail for eight months for stealing an overcoat, in an article published in the Decatur Republican, replying to an item published in the NORTHERNER, argues that he didn't give the fellow any more than he deserved. That is probably correct, but nevertheless it was a sentence in excess of jurisdiction.

Chapter 250, Howell's statutes, is the source from which justices derive their criminal jurisdiction; and compiler's section 7,123 of that chapter limits the extent of the punishment to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or imprisonment in the common jail of the county for a term not exceeding three months, or both, in the discretion of the court.

As long ago as 1859 the supreme court decided that justices of the peace had no jurisdiction to try cases where the maximum punishment allowed by statute exceeds one hundred dollars fine and three months' imprisonment: 7th Mich., 467. This decision was virtually reaffirmed in Pardee vs. Smith, 27th Mich., 41.

Justice Fisher based his judgment on section 9,140 of Howell's statutes, which authorizes an imprisonment of not more than one year; but the supreme court said, in the case of Nelson vs. the People, 38th Mich., 619, decided in 1878, that since the enactment of the statute first above cited, which is two years later than section 9,140, "it is not claimed that a justice of the peace can inflict the punishment of imprisonment for a period exceeding three months."

This decision was substantially reaffirmed in the case of Brown vs. the People, 39th Mich., 57. In the case of Gordon vs. the People, decided in 1880, 44th Mich., 486, the former decisions of the court in reference to this matter were all held to be the proper construction of the law--the last three cases cited holding that even a court of record has no jurisdiction to sentence an offender for an offense originally cognizable by a justice of the peace to a greater punishment than the magistrate himself might have done.

Justice Fisher virtually admits that he made a mistake, but argues that it was a natural one, in view of the apparent discrepancy in the provisions of the two sections of the statute hereinbefore cited. And he is certainly right in that. It was not the intention of the NORTHERNER to cast any undue reflections on his action. It was fully aware of the law upon which his sentence was based, and knew it was a very pardonable mistake.

Under the decisions cited, the prisoner will be entitled to his discharge at the expiration of three months' confinement in the county jail.

Justice Fisher asks the NORTHERNER to "sit as a judge and not as a critic." If it were sitting either as judge or critic, it could come to no other conclusion than that eight months' imprisonment is an excessive sentence.

The NORTHERNER appreciates the difficulty alluded to by Mr. Fisher, that justices of the peace are not furnished with the decisions of the supreme court; but the county provides an officer who is supposed to be learned in the law and whose duty it is to advise and counsel magistrates in regard to all such matters.

Mr. Fisher, after arguing that an imprisonment during the winter is no punishment to a thieving tramp, says: "I cannot for a moment believe you would encourage tramps or offer a bounty to petty thieves." Certainly the NORTHERNER would do no such thing, but it would not have the law violated by the courts whose duty it is to administer the law as it really is, not as they think it ought to be. Such a course would destroy all law and make every magistrate a law unto himself, which would lead to a deplorable condition indeed.